INSTHE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: TAKEHISA, Toru et al.

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Sir:

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